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Red Meat Production in Pennsylvania Up 7 Percent in October

HARRISBURG, PA, Nov 26, 2007 --- Commercial red meat production, dressed weight basis, in **Pennsylvania** during October 2007 totaled 119.6 million pounds, up 7 percent from October 2006, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Beef production, at 111.1 million pounds live weight, was up 15 percent from October 2006. Total head slaughtered was 89,500, up 14 percent from the same month last year. Live weight averaged 1,251 pounds, up 19 pounds from last year. Veal production was 6.0 million pounds live weight, down 7 percent from last year. Calf slaughter of 14,600 head was down 9 percent from last year. Average live weight increased 5 pounds to 407 pounds.

Pork production was 69.5 million pounds live weight, up 2 percent from last year. Total head slaughtered was 272,100, up 3 percent from October 2006. Average live weight decreased 1 pound from last year to 256 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production during October 2007 was 478,000 pounds live weight, up 5 percent from October 2006. The number slaughtered was 5,000, up 4 percent from last year. Average live weight increased 2 pounds to 96 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production, dressed weight basis, in October 2007 totaled 4.61 billion pounds, up 10 percent from October 2006. Compared with a year earlier beef production, dressed weight basis, at 2.44 billion pounds, was up 9 percent. Veal production totaled 11.1 million pounds, down 16 percent from October a year ago.

Pork production totaled 2.14 billion pounds, up 11 percent from the previous year. Lamb and mutton production, at 16.4 million pounds, was up 5 percent from October 2006.

January-October red meat production was 40.3 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2006. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was up 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 2 percent.

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